CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A cartridge for an information recording medium, comprising:

a cartridge case having an opening to receive the information recording medium;

an opening cover, detachably mounted to the cartridge case at the opening, to enable the information recording medium to be received and/or withdrawn into/from the cartridge case;

holding means for holding the information recording medium relative to the opening cover by supporting the information recording medium when the information recording medium is completely withdrawn from the cartridge case; and

positioning means for positioning the information recording medium, which is accommodated in the cartridge case, upward/downward at an exact position.

2. The cartridge as claimed in claim 1, further comprising means for firmly fastening the opening cover to the cartridge case to prevent a gap between the opening cover and the cartridge case when the opening cover is attached to the cartridge case.

3. The cartridge as claimed in claim 1, wherein said holding means comprises a pair of elastic pressure parts, elastically formed on the opening cover, to elastically support the information recording medium to hold the information recording medium relative to the opening cover when the opening cover is not attached to the cartridge case.

4. The cartridge as claimed in claim 3, further comprising receiving ribs integrally formed on leading ends of the pair of elastic pressure parts, respectively.